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In re application of Fikes, *et al.*

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2002, the Applicant respectfully requests that the above-referenced patent application be re-examined and reconsidered for the reasons stated hereinbelow.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 are now pending in the above-captioned application. Applicant respectfully requests further examination of the application in view of the following.

Claims 1, 2, 9-12, 14-15 and 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,936,683 to Purcell for the reasons stated on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Regarding claims 1 and 21-23, the Examiner has stated that Purcell discloses "an optical tablet construction comprises an elongated retro-reflective member (72)."